

REMARKS

Foreign Priority:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document has been received at the Patent Office.

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed with the present application, thus indicating that all of the references listed thereon have been considered.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-12 are all of the claims pending in the present application, and currently all of the claims stand rejected.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejection - Claims 1-3 and 8-9:

Claims 1-3 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,525,790 to Kan-o. In view of the following discussion, Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection.

Kano-o discloses a structure for mounting a liquid display 3. The structure uses two casing portions 1 and 2, which sandwich the LCD 3 and a base support 40 for holding the LCD 3. The LCD 3 is held to the base 40 via brackets 5 and screws 6. Essentially, the base 40 is screwed to the casing portion 1 and the brackets 5 are screwed to the base 40 to hold the LCD down. This is shown in Figures 1, 2, 5 and 7.

In rejecting the claims 1-3 and 8-9, the Examiner alleges that the brackets 5 correspond to the “provisional fixing member” of the claimed invention. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner.

Kan-o discloses that “a peripheral part of a display surface of the LCD unit 3 is firmly installed as a result of the pressing by the side fixing piece 5.” See Kan-o, col. 9, lines 20-24 (emphasis added).

Therefore, contrary to the Examiner’s assertions, Kan-o fails to disclose the claimed invention. Specifically, the brackets 5 do not attach the LCD to the base 40 such that the display is movable within a predetermined range. In fact, from the language referenced above, Kan-o states that the LCD is “firmly installed.” Thus, in Kan-o, there is no additional movement of the LCD permitted by the brackets 5.

Stated differently, the brackets 5, in Kan-o are not directed to permitting, nor do they permit, any movement of the LCD, let alone allowing the LCD to move within a predetermined range. As Kan-o makes it clear, when the LCD is secured with the brackets 5, it is secured “firmly” in place.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Kan-o fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention, in particular the claimed provisional fixing member. Therefore, Kan-o fails to anticipate the claimed invention, as required under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of the above claims.

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Additionally, for similar reasons to those discussed above, Applicant submits that newly added claims 13-18 are also allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections - Claims 4-7 and 10-12:

Claims 4-7 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kan-o in view of various secondary references. However, as none of these references cures the deficient teachings of Kan-o, with respect to claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are also allowable, at least by reason of their dependence.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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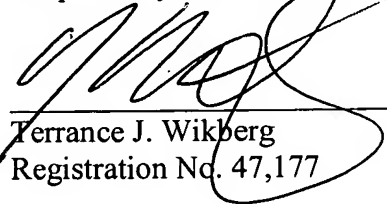
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